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SUBJECT: NRW LANDTAG US STUDY TOUR

- 1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY PARTY SPEAKERS OF THE NORTHRHINE-WESTPHALIAN LAND PARLIAMENT REGARDING A US STUDY TRIP PLANNED BY THE LANDTAG COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM FOR SEPTEMBER 1973. WE WILL REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR THIS GROUP BUT PRIOR TO US DOING SO, IT REQUIRES GUIDANCE FROM US EXPERTS REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE TWO REGIONS IT PLANS TO VISIT IN THE US.
- 2. MAIN AIM OF THIS EIGHT- DAY STUDY TOUR IS TO PROFIT FROM US EXPERIENCES IN STRENGTHENING REGIONAL METROPOLITAN GOVERNING CAPACITY THROUGH LEGISLATION AND THE CREATION OF BODIES WHICH COORDINATE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MANY GOVERNMENTAL SUBUNITS MAKING UP THE ACTION SYSTEM OF A LARGE METROPOLITAN AREA. IN NRW, THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY A MULTITUDE OF GOVERNMENTAL SUBUNITS WHICH ARE UNCOORDINATED YET RESPONSIBLE FOR A LARGE INDUSTRIALIZED METROPOLITAN AREA WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF INTERDEPENDENCE ARE PARTICULARLY NOTICABLE IN THE RUHR AREA. THE LANDTAG IS DEVELOPING LEGISLATION TO BRING SOME ORDER INTO THIS WASTEFUL CHAOS AND LOOKS TO US EXPERIENCES TO ASSIST IT IN DRAWING UP SUCH LEGISLATION.
- 3. DURING THE EIGHT DAYS (I. E., SIX WORKING DAYS) THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS TO BE IN THE US IT HOPES TO STUDY US COUNCILS OF GOVERN-UNCLASSIFIED

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MENTS AND SIMILAR AGENCIES IN THOSE TWO REGIONS WHICH ARE MOST RELEVANT TO THE RUHR AND MOST REWARDING IN PROVIDING STIMULATING INSIGHTS. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EMBASSY, IT HAS TENTATIVELY PROPOSED

TO

FOCUS ON THE NEW YORK MEGALOPOLIS (NEW HAVEN TO PHILADELPHIA) AND ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT EXPLORE WITH US EXPERTS IN REGIONAL METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT THE QUESTION OF SELECTING THE APPROPRIATE REGIONS TO BE VISITED BY THE TEAM SO THAT IT CAN MAKE FLIGHT AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ASAP. THE DEPARTMENT MAY FIND THE EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN THE URBAN INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON, OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE. ONE OF ITS FULLTIME RESEARCHERS, PROFESSOR MELVIN MOGULOF, IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE A SPECIALIST IN REGIONAL METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE. HILLENBRAND

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